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SCHOOLS REPORT LARGE INCREASE

In Nearly Every Case Enrolment
Exceeds That of Last
Year.

Assistant Superintendent Albert H. Hill, of the City Public Schools, reported to the committee on teachers and schools of the School Board yesterday afternoon that the grand total of enrolment in the Richmond public schools up to the close of school week Wednesday was 15,710. On the corresponding date last year the total enrolment was 12,463, showing an increase this year of 2,247 pupils. Of this number 1,550 represents the enrolment from Washington Ward, making the net increase within the boundaries of the old city 697 pupils.

Registration by schools is as follows:

White Schools.	
Sept. 21, Sept. 21.	1909. 1910.
John Marshall High.....	717 878
Fulton.....	510 560
Louisiana.....	128 110
Chimborazo.....	523 544
Oakwood.....	59 80
Springfield.....	678 733
Fairmount.....	581 559
Madison.....	607 642
Bellvue.....	582 541
Jefferson.....	523 484
Ruffner.....	550 480
John Smith.....	471 412
Belvidere.....	507 482
Elba.....	565 522
Stonewall Jackson.....	724 812
Handolph.....	441 526
Sidney.....	419 536
Hainbridge Street S. R.....	1,008
Total.....	8,307 9,584
Unaccommodated.....	94
Grand total.....	8,401 9,678

Colored Schools.	
Sept. 21, Sept. 21.	1909. 1910.
Armstrong High.....	277 370
Fulton.....	241 302
Georgia.....	118 751
Twenty-ninth Street.....	177 185
Valley.....	620 391
Navy Hill.....	724 883
Baker.....	582 659
Monroe.....	482 472
Moore.....	672 696
Newtown.....	113 106
Sidney.....	268 253
Seventeenth Street S. R.....	509
Total.....	4,775 5,197
Unaccommodated.....	277
Grand total.....	4,474

Kindergartens.	
Sept. 21, Sept. 21.	1909. 1910.
Chimborazo.....	52 37
Bellvue.....	42 47
Valentine.....	50 52
Madison.....	52 62
Elba.....	47 42
Stonewall Jackson.....	100 125
Belvidere.....	50 52
Fulton.....	113 106
Manchester.....	34
Total.....	381 558

Grand total enrolment.....13,463 15,710
Including the unaccommodated, the excess of this year's enrolment over that of 1909 is 2,247, of which number 1,550 represents the Washington Ward enrolment.

HOOKWORM WAR IS BEING PUSHED

One Thousand Cases Treated in
Southampton County in Two
Months' Work.

The campaign against hookworm disease in Southampton county is proceeding with great success. Reports received at the State Health Department from the county indicate that great interest is being taken in the work by the physicians and by the people, and that Southampton county will soon rid itself of the infection.

When the survey of Southampton was begun by the officers of the State Health Department, the county was found to be very seriously infected. The disease had evidently existed in the county for years and a large proportion of the people were suffering from the mild or severe forms of the disease.

A vigorous campaign was at once undertaken and field inspectors were sent to the county. The work of these inspectors was enthusiastically received by the citizens of the county, who aided in every possible way in the work, and the last report shows that more than one thousand persons who were suffering from the disease have already been treated, and the complete eradication of the disease from the county is not far distant.

"The most encouraging feature of the work in Southampton," said the State Health Commissioner, in discussing the matter yesterday, "is the readiness with which the people have taken preventive measures. Our inspectors have told them that while they may be temporarily cured of the disease, they are never safe until soil pollution is stopped. Accordingly, sanitary arrangements have been put an end to conditions which have made the eradication of hookworm impossible. They have taken the only possible way of ridding themselves of this trouble and will certainly reap the benefits of their foresight."

600 STUDENTS REGISTERED.

Large Attendance at University—Admission Made on "College Night." (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—Charlottesville, Va., September 22.—The registration of students at the University of Virginia grows rapidly each day. About 600 names are now upon the registrar's books. To date the largest falling off is in the law department. As soon as the three-year law course is definitely established, the numbers will be considerably increased. The administration officers have assurances that there will be a considerable influx of students in the next few days.

The speakers at "College Night" were Head Coach Crawford, of the football team; Rozier Dulaney, of the basketball team; "Larry" Martin, captain of the track team; Pickford, of the baseball nine; R. B. Albertson, of College Topics; Albert Balz, of the University Magazine; Leo Smith, of the College Band, and Rev. Oscar Randolph, who explained the honor system. The meeting was presided over by J. S. Rume, president of the General Athletic Association, — captain of the Varsity baseball nine.

CITY NAMED IN SUIT BY VIETORS

German Vice-Consul Claims Settling Basin Has Injured His Property.

C. & O. PARTY DEFENDANT

Court Asked to Have Damages Assessed by Condemnation Proceedings.

Claiming that several hundred acres of land on the south side of the James River, in Chesterfield county, owned by himself and wife have been damaged by the construction of the city's settling basin and the changing of railroad tracks on the opposite side of the stream, E. A. Vietor, German vice-consul at his wife, Maria Luise Vietor, yesterday filed suit in the United States Circuit Court against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and the city of Richmond.

No specific damage is demanded. The declaration sets out that by reason of the current being diverted the waters of the James are thrown upon the plaintiffs' lands in time of overflow, and also that their water power rights are injured. The object of the action is to have the court order condemnation proceedings for the purpose of fixing a fair and just compensation for damages to the property.

The petitioner alleges that his wife owns 144 acres, and that he is possessed of 152 1-3 acres of land touching the James River. Mr. Vietor avers that this property is held by himself and wife in fee simple under a conveyance from the crown in 1650.

It is alleged that the city of Richmond has erected and maintains a settling basin on the north bank of the river opposite the Vietor property, and that by the placing of dikes and other obstructions along the stream the natural flow of the river has been diverted. The plaintiffs also claim that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has built its tracks on the north side of the river and that this has caused the river to overflow on the south side and thereby has damaged the property of the plaintiffs.

It is also alleged that the railroad company by the acquisition of a canal in the purchase of the James River division, which draws water at Boshers' dam, a point four miles above the property, and delivers it back into the river below the Vietor property. As a result of this operation, it is averred, the water power has been destroyed and prevented its use as a manufacturing site. The court is asked to restrain the railroad company from withdrawing the water in this manner.

The gist of the declaration follows: "Your complainants complain that the defendants are steadily drawing more and more water from the James River at Boshers' dam, four or five miles above your complainants' property, and delivers it back into the river a long distance below your complainants' property and thereby are destroying the valuable water power which they own, and that said water power so injured and destroyed is of a greater value as to each tract aforesaid than the value of \$2,000."

Each of said tracts is largely composed of low grounds subject to overflow, and large sums have been spent in blasting, drawing and ditching and improving the said tracts, and the defendants are jointly erecting and maintaining what is known as a settling basin of the city of Richmond, upon the southern bank of which are located the tracks of the defendants, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, thereby causing all the flood water which should be allowed to spread over the low grounds on either side to go entirely upon complainants' property, thereby throwing

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"Since the case of Burrell against Hobson, 12 Grattan 322, decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, the owners of real estate holding lands on creeks and rivers, which said lands are subject to overflow, have held them with an absolute right that they should not be injured by any obstruction of the surface water in time of floods on the opposite side of the bed of rivers or creeks.

Points to Its Value.
"Water power only a few miles from Richmond is extremely valuable, and it is being gradually and absolutely

destroyed by the action of the defendants, and as they claim still greater rights, practically the right to withdraw from the river at very low stages of water they use, clouding the title to your complainants' property."

"Several years ago parties desired to buy the water power rights of your complainants, but the negotiations fell through largely owing to the monstrous and unrighteous claims of the defendants as to their right to withdraw the water at Boshers' dam. "The low grounds are also injured by water thrown by the said settling basin and railroad track and embankment whenever there is a flood, so that your complainants' said tracts are very seriously damaged and their values very much diminished, and the irreparable injury of your complainants unless the unlawful acts of the defendants are prevented."

The declaration covers many typewritten pages and cites a number of authorities for bringing the action. It closes by praying the court to order condemnation proceedings for the purpose of assessing such damages as may have been sustained by the complainants.

City Not Alarmed.
City Attorney Henry R. Pollard said yesterday afternoon that he had had opportunity to examine the declaration in the Vietor suit, but that from what he had heard of the case, he was not greatly alarmed, and did not think the city's interests in any jeopardy. The city is merely made a party to the suit in that it has contracts with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and should the contention of Mr. Vietor prove valid, the railway company would stand between the city and harm.

SPEND DAY IN WILLIAMSBURG.

Engineers Gathering Data in Connection With Archer's Hope River. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Williamsburg, Va., September 22.—Captain Warren H. Hannun, United States Engineering Corps, S. E. Yonge, assistant engineer, and Captain John Lamb, of Richmond, were here today getting data in connection with Archer's Hope River, preparatory to a preliminary survey, for appropriation by Congress of \$10,000. A mass-meeting, which was well attended, was held in the courthouse. Captain Lamb spoke of the advantages to be derived from the proposed work and of other matters pertaining to the appropriation. Captain Hannun and Mr. Yonge were then informed of the commercial advantages accruing to the city of Williamsburg and the farmers in this section.

Luncheon was served by the City Council in honor of the guests at the Colonial Inn this afternoon. Later they were given a trip down the river to the James. The visitors returned to Richmond this evening.

Cartersville Bank Examined. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Cartersville, Va., September 22.—Assistant State Bank Examiner Hunter arrived here yesterday afternoon and made an examination of the affairs of the Cartersville Bank, and found them to be in a very satisfactory condition.

Will Practice Law. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Charlottesville, Va., September 22.—Harry H. Thurlow, of Buffalo, N. Y., who for the past year filled the position of secretary of the University of Virginia, has resigned his position to enter upon the practice of law. He goes with the firm of Rixey & Hiden, of Orange, and will have charge of a branch office at Alexandria.

Blundin-Campbell. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Esmont, Va., September 22.—The marriage at high noon on Wednesday of Miss Eunice Lawrence Campbell to R. Jackson Blundin, formerly of Baltimore, was one of the notable social events of Albemarle county. The ceremony, which took place on goldenrod before a massive screen of the lawn, was performed by the Rev. Elliott Meredith, pastor of St. Ann's Parish. The bride, wearing white satin and her veil fastened with orange blossoms, came from the house leaning on the arm of her father, and was met by the groom, attended by his brother, Montague Blundin, of Baltimore, as best man. Miss Sarah Wells, of Sioux

City, was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Alexander, of Pennsylvania; Miss Gertrude Blundin, of Baltimore, a sister of the groom, and Miss Edith Bainbridge, of Brooklyn. The groomsmen were Mr. Dunston, of Baltimore; Mr. Wester, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and J. Kenneth Campbell, of Virginia, the brother of the bride. After the ceremony a delightful wedding breakfast was served to the many guests.

Mrs. Blundin, who is a graduate of

Vassar, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Campbell, of Bonhill, Albemarle county. After a wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Blundin will make their home at Millwaukee. Among the guests from a distance were Mrs. W. C. Burgess, of Baltimore, a sister of the groom; Miss Louise Blundin, of Tidewater, Va.; Miss Mamie Fuller, of Baltimore; Miss McKenzie, of Charlottesville; Mrs. Brunna of New Orleans, and Mrs. John Guthrie Hopkins, of Loudoun county, Va.



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